

THE IRS

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I hold right here in my hands evidence that the IRS is acting illegally against the hard working men and women of this country. Despite the fact that quotas were outlawed 9 years ago, an inner-office memorandum that I received in my office clearly shows that the IRS continues to use quotas. IRS employees note that they are hounded by their superiors to bring in a predetermined amount of money, rather than the correct amount actually owed by the taxpayer. If they hope to receive promotions, these IRS employees are told they must meet the monthly quota by collecting amounts that these employees know to be above the actual amount due.

Mr. Speaker, this is an outrage. It is wrong by anyone's standard and it must be stopped. The IRS must be held accountable for their actions. I urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring the bipartisan IRS Restructuring and Reform Act. Let us put an end to the outrageous and illegal abuse of power by this bloated Federal bureaucracy.

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY CONGRESSIONAL BASKETBALL CLASSIC

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONIOR. I rise this morning to encourage all Members and staff and others who are interested to attend the annual, semiannual, I should say, Gallaudet University congressional basketball classic in which the Democrats and the Republicans play against each other. The Dunkin' Donkeys, as the Democrats are known, will play the Fighting Elephants on Wednesday, October 8, which is tomorrow, at 7 p.m. Admission is free. It is at Gallaudet University. That is the national university for the deaf and hearing impaired. I happen to be a board member along with the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. LAHOOD]. It is a great place.

We are raising funds for the university. It is being sponsored by the NBA, the Washington Wizards, COMSAT and the Milwaukee Bucks, HERB KOHL's Milwaukee Bucks. We encourage everyone to come out. It is a great evening. It is lots of fun. The Republicans have a very good team. They won last year, I think by two points. We are the underdogs but we are up for it and we look forward to seeing everybody there cheering us on.

ETHICS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, so what is the latest from the most ethical administration in history? Well, the same administration that gave us Webster Hubbell, Mike Espy, Hazel O'Leary, Ron Brown, John Huang, Craig Livingstone and countless witnesses with law degrees from Yale and Harvard who just cannot quite recall whenever they are hauled before a congressional committee, now give us incomplete tapes of White House coffees.

But with this administration we just do not know what we are going to get next. First we have documents which were subpoenaed by the special counsel suddenly turn up in the White House book room 2 years later. We have the guy put in charge of the White House security operation who somehow ends up with 900 FBI files of Republicans; and, oh yes, no one can seem to recall who hired this guy.

Then we have over 50 people who have either fled the country or taken the fifth in order to avoid telling us what they know about illegal foreign campaign contributions. Now we learn about the existence of tapes of White House fundraisers, I mean coffees, which conveniently are released just after the Attorney General says the coffees are OK. Stay tuned. The soap opera continues.

EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, France has cut a \$2 billion natural gas deal with Iran, that is right, Iran. And the 15 European nations told Uncle Sam to butt out, "It is not your business, Uncle Sam." Unbelievable. Was it Uncle Sam's business when hundreds of thousands of Americans died to liberate France and Europe from Nazi rule? Is it Uncle Sam's business to protect Europe with NATO dollars? Is Bosnia our business?

Unbelievable, folks. Iran gets \$2 billion from France, Iran buys missiles from China and Russia. Iran points missiles at Uncle Sam. Beam me up. France and Europe are a bunch of asset kissers. We are financing it. I say it is time to send Europe a big fat bill. Maybe then they will appreciate freedom and Uncle Sam.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are guests of the House and that any manifestations of approval or disapproval of the proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

A SIMPLE, FAIR TAX SYSTEM

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, the Internal Revenue Service is creating real problems for many Americans. People in my district did not need to see congressional hearings to know this. Too many of them have been entangled in IRS red tape.

Mr. Speaker, I am glad to see that the issue of IRS reform is finally getting the national attention it deserves. It is time for the debate to start about how to save the American taxpayer from the IRS burden. Americans spend 5 billion hours and \$225 billion preparing their tax returns annually.

The American taxpayer has been overburdened long enough. In addition to the need for IRS reform, it is time to reform the Tax Code. The Congress owes the American taxpayer a simpler, fairer tax system.

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BREAST CANCER CARE PETITION DRIVE

(Ms. ESHOO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage my colleagues this morning to visit a new site on the Internet called the on-line Breast Cancer Care Petition Drive. It is located at breastcare.shn.com.

The site offers people a chance across this country to sign a petition calling for hearings on two very important bills, H.R. 135 and H.R. 164, the first legislation to ban drive-through mastectomies and the second bill to require insurance companies that now cover mastectomies to also cover reconstructive breast surgery.

Perhaps more impressive than the petition itself is the part of the site that allows people to post their own perspectives on, and experience with, breast cancer and tell their poignant stories. One survivor wrote:

There are real tears being shed by real women every day across the country. They are your neighbors, your colleagues, your kids' teachers, the clerk at the grocery store. Breast cancer survivors have enough to deal with. Do the right thing, Congress, pass this legislation and help make the tears fewer for those who will follow us.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to visit this breastcare.shn.com and help get this legislation through Congress.

THE WHITE HOUSE COFFEE COLLECTION VIDEOTAPES

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, now from the White House tapes and records comes the coffee collection: The first tape, "The Fugitive", starring Charlie Trie, Pauline